# Positively Pleasant View

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#### **Halloween Celebration Returns to Pleasant View**

We did it! Pleasant View celebrated Halloween for the first time since 2019.

The Covid-19 Pandemic may have prevented us from hosting our annual Halloween festivities in 2020 and 2021, but that wasn't the case this year! On October 24th, at approximately 5:00 pm, tiny ghosts and goblins began to gather outside for our much anticipated costume parade. Excitement filled the air! Residents eagerly watched from their windows and a few tears fell from the joy felt throughout our facility.





It was a great day, and our residents had a blast! Our hearts were full as the young and young-at-heart celebrated as one!

It was "no tricks" and "all treats" at our Halloween costume parade this October!



## **Events &**Happenings

#### **DECEMBER**

**2** Tom Smela Live Music

**9** The Bridge Band

12 Ugly Sweater Decorating

**13** Santa Shoppe

16 Michele Spitz

20 Celebration of Life
Residents' Christmas
Party

**22** Scrambled Eggs Band

#### **JANUARY**

6 Mixed Nuts Band

8 Celebrate Elvis' Birthday

**13** Fading World Band

16 Winter Cocktails

Michele Spitz
Live Music

23 Monthly Birthday Party

**26** Painting with a Twist

**27** Tom Smela Live Music

**28** Hot Cocoa Bar

#### **Shana Says:**

#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

What do I want everyone to know about Pleasant View? That is such a tough question to answer concisely because there are so many exciting things about Pleasant View that I want the world to know! First and most importantly I want people to know that Pleasant View cares about the residents that live here. I am sure you are thinking "every nursing home will say that." Maybe you are right, everyone may say it but Pleasant View LIVES it.



Do you know our staff goes out of their way to celebrate milestones with the residents that they provide care for? Planning parties, getting them dressed up, holding their hands when they are struggling, advocating for their every need, staying late just to visit with them, and the list goes on and on. Many people think of nursing homes as a place to admit to and never return home. Maybe that is true, many people do not return to the home they once knew, but we fight hard to make Pleasant View their new home. Not to mention, many of the people we provide care to now are short stays for strengthening and they do return to their homes out in the community. So back to the original question, what do I want everyone to know about Pleasant View? I want them to know this nursing home is like no other. It is time to change the age old perspective of what a nursing home is, and take a look at what we actually provide; new cutting edge services in a caring, personalized home environment. If you want to learn more, let us know!

- Shana Espinoza, MSN, RN, LNHA

### **Giving Tree Tradition Will Continue**

The Giving Tree tradition helps us to ensure that the holiday season is pleasurable and exciting for our residents.

We encourage families to call our business office to request a tag from our Giving Tree to help us ensure every resident has a Merry Christmas.

For more information or to request a giving tag, please call us at 989-743-3491.





#### **Tips from T**

THERESA DELAU, RN, BSN, DIRECTOR OF NURSING

#### Future RN Stephanie Hall Puts the "Care" in "Career" at Pleasant View

As the Director of Nursing, one thing that gets me most excited is watching our care partners grow within their position.



**Stephanie Hall, CNA** / future RN, is a fine example of how you can move through our

organization, train, and further your education to become a Certified Nurse Assistant and go on to become a registered nurse. Stephanie has worked in various departments, currently in the nursing department assisting in the COVID lab, and is handling multiple other administrative support duties for me. At the same time, Stephanie is a full-time nursing student pursuing her RN and raising a family. She will work in a direct care position as a full-time CNA while pursuing her goal of becoming an RN.

Watching Stephanie grow, excel, and thrive with this responsibility has been amazing. If you see Stephanie, maybe give her a hug or a high-5 to encourage her on these beautiful accomplishments and ask her to tell you how she did it with a bit of support from PV and a lot of drive to be her best. We are very proud of you, Stephanie, and we are excited to see what else you will accomplish in your career.

Pleasant View is looking for full-time and part-time nurses and nurse aides, and a variety of other part time positions.

Please contact Sandy Lamb, HR Director at 989 743-3491, ext. 535 to set up an interview.

If you are interesting in becoming a nurse aide, we may able to assist you.



#### **Anniversaries**

We would like to acknowledge our staff members for their service and dedication to our residents!

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Telenna Ackels 6 years Nichole Carr, 6 years Pamela Dalton, 21 years Dana Dumond, 1 year Daniel Fox, 2 years Sarah Good, 13 years Alicia Gurden, 14 years Jackolynn Hickmott, 2 years Stephanie Jones, 16 years Michael Miller, 12 years Terry Mitchell, 10 years Dawn Moore, 3 years Cassidy Puffer, 1 year Jessica Ramsdill, 20 years Megan Ruby, 7 years Christina Schmitter, 1 year Marlene Skutt, 1 year Shirlette Todd, 5 years Carol Turner, 1 year Sue Vanderlip, 19 years Marque Wenzlick, 1 year Aidan Woodruff, 2 years Samantha Wyatt, 4 years

#### **OCTOBER**

Loida Arnold, 26 years Monique Beach, 11 years Julia Carpenter, 4 years Donna Carter, 3 years Tracie Debar, 9 years LeaAnn Frank, 4 years Chara Frost, 1 year Leslie Harrison, 15 years Rebecca Ibarra, 3 years Tammy Isaac, 5 years JoAnne Lawrence, 5 years Elaine Madrigal, 3 years Mary Mogg, 3 years Carrie Peters, 4 years Marisa Pierce, 6 years Geneva Sizemore, 1 year Keanan Springer, 1 year Jeffery Smithingill, 32 years Norma Valdez, 3 years Pamela Vanadia, 9 years Dominga Ward, 4 years

#### **NOVEMBER**

Deborah Bendall, 12 years Amy Conklin, 6 years Renee Dallas, 24 years Melissa Fernet, 4 years Darren Frakes, 2 years Tanjanika Garrett, 2 years Sandra Hiar, 23 years Haley Mathers, 1 year Ashley Miller, 15 years Jonah Ochodnicky, 1 year Jennifer Palacio, 31 years Thomas Person, 30 years Aimee Reynolds, 8 years Christa Roberts, 1 year Amber Schanick, 8 years Mason Schu, 1 year Connie Silvers, 32 years Jennifer Smithingill, 3 years Sandra Sporcic, 1 year Shelly Watkins, 28 years

#### **DECEMBER**

Amelia Bowers, 2 years
Juanita Gray, 8 years
Tammy Heckman, 6 years
Jane Hepfner, 1 year
James LaFay, 6 years
Shannon Dennison-Loomis, 9 years
Jessica Luckhurst, 7 years
Chelsea McAllister, 3 years
Carolina Novak, 1 year
Sue Scott, 28 years
Juanita Walker, 1 year
Aleli Wayne, 3 years





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We Salute you Deborah Bendall and Brian Wells!